

Palatka Daily News

Good Morning—

No entertainment is so cheap as reading, nor any pleasure so lasting.—Lady M. W. Montague.

PALATKA, FLORIDA, SUNDAY MORNING, DEC. 30, 1922.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

HOUSE PARISH AWAITING ARREST

Secret Bodies

PROMISES HELP TO KEEP McKoin From Returning Confinement

(By Associated Press.)
Tallahassee, Dec. 30.—Morehouse county tonight to await the arrival of Friday when the state court will hear the case of the alleged kidnappers. The failure of the state to move its dragnet during the past week has given the impression that additional arrests promised would not be made before the day of the hearing.

In the meantime investigations are being extended. There were reports that department of justice agents will delve into the activities of unidentified secret organizations which have conducted raids against the lawless Louisiana-Arkansas border.

The Ku Klux Klan of the realm of Louisiana has also had agents in the field, it was reported, to learn if these organizations were responsible for the outrage on the Balstrup-Mer Rouge highway on the night of August 24 when five members of old Morehouse families were kidnapped, two flogged and two murdered.

Because of the reports made by the scores of persons who were returning from the Balstrup celebration and witnessed the highway episode that the mob was robed and masked—regalia similar to that worn by the Ku Klux Klan—these state klansmen are sending investigators into Morehouse to sift the affair to the bottom and to report their findings.

If the clan as a whole is guilty, its charter will be revoked; if individual members were implicated they will be left to their fellow klansmen to "face the fate they deserve." This was the dictum of chiefs who gathered in New Orleans yesterday.

Former Mayor to Fight.
Baltimore, Dec. 30.—Indication that the fight to keep Dr. B. M. McKeon, former mayor of New Rouge, La., from being returned to that state, where he is wanted on a charge of murder, would be continued to the last, was given today when former United States District Attorney Robert E. Carman, the physician's counsel, said he had mentioned the case to Judge John C. Rose, of the United States district court.

Mr. Carman again today said that he would make no further move toward obtaining his client's release until after the extradition hearing before Governor Ritchie, as the Louisiana officers are expected here with the necessary papers tomorrow, it is not expected that the case will be before the governor until Tuesday, as Monday is a holiday.

LICENSE TAGS RECEIVED.
Many automobile license tags for 1923 have been already received by applicants from Palatka and Putnam county, in spite of the fact that there was much delay in the receipt of the tags by the state comptroller from the manufacturers. The 1923 tags show orange-colored framed figures and letters on a dark blue background, and carry an outline of the state on the extreme right. The whole affair is much more attractive than those of 1922—but the price remains the same.

FIRE CAUSES HEAVY LOSS AT ATLANTIC CITY BOARDWALK.
Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 30.—Fire caused a quarter of a million damage at New York avenue and the Boardwalk today. Three persons were reported missing tonight and three firemen were slightly injured. Four girls, cabaret singers in one of the buildings destroyed, were carried down ladders to safety.

NEW BRIDGE TOLL SYSTEM EFFECTIVE MONDAY EVENING

New Tickets Ready for Use Under New System

Beginning tomorrow those purchasing tickets over the St. Johns river bridge will receive coupons instead of the usual ticket to be punched like a meal ticket, and only those whose annual passes have not yet expired can drive by the bridge tender and gaily wave their hands without stopping.

The tickets for the new system will be delivered tomorrow and will immediately go into effect in accordance with the decision of the board of county commissioners. More than a million tickets have been printed to take care of the various schedules agreed on. These books range in price from 25 cents to \$15, and, according to careful estimates of the board, constant users of the bridge will not have to pay any more than they were legitimately paying under the annual pass system. It is believed that the coupons will stop the abuse of the pass system.

Following is the scale of prices:
12 tickets for 25 cents.
24 tickets for 50 cents.
50 tickets for \$1.00.
100 tickets for \$1.75.
500 tickets for \$8.25.
1000 tickets for \$15.00.
3000 tickets for \$15.00.

Each ticket will be good for one person and four for each automobile, just as at present no many units are punched out of a ticket. A car with driver and three passengers will cost eight tickets.

The 3000-ticket books are divided into three sections, A, B and C, and for convenience in carrying half of the sheets are made up of tickets of five units. In other words, each ticket is good for five passengers, or an automobile and driver. None of the tickets will be good if detached.

Stubborn Trusts Still Hoping to Get Their Rebates

(By Associated Press.)
Tallahassee, Dec. 30.—The Gulf Refining company, an Indian Oil company and Texas Oil company, whose properties were seized here a few days ago by the sheriff of Leon county under a writ of attachment obtained by State Comptroller Amos to enforce collection of the one-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax, furnished threatening bonds today and their holdings were released. The Gulf company put up approximately \$20,000, the Standard \$19,000, and the Texas company \$9,000.

NEGRO ASSOCIATION MAKES DECLARATION.
New York, Dec. 30.—Women in the south have repudiated lynching as a protection for womanhood, and have joined in a demand that the Dyer anti-lynching bill be enacted by congress, the Association for Advancement of Colored People declared today in its annual report.

According to the statement, several leading southern journals also have joined in the demand for the bill. The association asserted that it is responsible for presenting extradition of colored men accused of crimes in certain southern states and has protected the civil rights of such men.

MIKE DONOHUE RESIGNS.
Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 30.—Mike Donohue for nineteen years head coach at the Alabama Polytechnic institute (Auburn), announced here today that he had signed a contract with the Louisiana State university at Baton Rouge. Donohue stated that his contract was signed for five years and he will receive \$10,000 a year.

AMBASSADOR WARREN TO QUIT.
Tokio, Dec. 30.—Charles B. Warren, United States ambassador to Japan, will quit his office on January 25 and, after necessary conferences with President Harding and Secretary Hughes, will present his resignation, he announced today.

NEW YORK FLOODED WITH LIQUORS FOR NEW YEAR FROLICS

Fifteen Booze Boats Big Surprise to Prohibition Chief

\$7,000,000 OF DRINKS Believe 60,000 Cases Are But Small Portion of Invoice

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 30.—With the sub-chaser Hansen, federal dry navy, of the port of New York, tied up at the Battery with engines disabled, the Narrows was left unguarded tonight long enough for fifteen rum-runners to slip into port with nearly \$7,000,000 worth of liquor for New Year's, the police department was advised.

The fifteen liquor vessels are believed by prohibition officials to have aboard at least 60,000 cases of liquor. They represent only a part of the fleet of rum-laden craft which since a few days before Christmas had been laying outside the three-mile limit, awaiting opportunity to run the gauntlet.

Federal Prohibition Zone Chief Appleby was amazed when he learned that the Hansen, flagship of his "dry fleet," was tied up at her pier. "I thought she was out patrolling the Narrows," he explained.

Someone Fixed It?
Appleby immediately got in touch with Captain John H. Dryart, commander of the Hansen. It developed that a mysterious order had been received on the Hansen to have her engines repaired, but the authority for the order could not be learned. The rum-chaser then went to her dock and her engines were taken down.

All this followed discovery in the crew's quarters of the Hansen today of 20 cases of liquor alleged to have been part of a cargo of 70 cases seized on the schooner Lennie Bell, several days ago.

When Appleby told Captain Dryart that since the Hansen had docked under her own power, she should put to sea at once to watch the liquor smugglers, he was informed the engine was dismantled. Besides, said Captain Dryart, the removal of members of his crew in connection with the 20 cases had left him too short-handed to start on patrol.

With the Hansen out of the way Appleby tonight endeavored to press every available small boat into service to head off the blockade runners.

Kline Resigns as Florida's Coach; May Take Acosta

(By Associated Press.)
Gainesville, Dec. 30.—W. G. (Bill) Kline, head coach at the University of Florida, handed his resignation to athletic authorities today asking that it become effective immediately. Mr. Kline said he was quitting coaching to go into business and while he made no definite plans, probably would locate in Miami.

Mr. Kline came to Florida three years ago from the University of Nebraska, where, in one year, he turned out a football eleven that won the championship of the Missouri valley conference.

No successor has been selected and it is unlikely any official action will take place until the meeting of the athletic board next week. John Acosta, of Jacksonville, former Yale football star, who coached the Florida freshman eleven this fall and whipped into shape a yearling team that defeated every opponent it met, is looked upon as a possible successor should Kline's resignation be accepted, although none of the directors have discussed it.

CARDINALS HAVE PICKED BRADENTOWN QUARTERS.
St. Louis, Dec. 30.—Exhibition games with six major league clubs forms part of the St. Louis Nationals spring conditioning program, it was announced tonight. The Cardinals expect to begin training at Bradentown about March 5.

FEDERAL OFFICIALS WILL NAB BERGDOLL AT PENSACOLA PORT

Confident Dragt Dodger Shipped on German Boat

OFFICIALS ON GUARD Jupiter Due to Arrive at Her Dock Today or Tomorrow

(By Associated Press.)
Pensacola, Dec. 30.—The German steamer Jupiter, in which Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, draft dodger, is reported to be attempting to enter the United States through Pensacola, with ordinary weather conditions, should arrive here tomorrow or Monday. The Jupiter sailed from Sayal, Azores, December 13, and unless adverse weather is encountered it usually takes a vessel of the Jupiter's type 17 or 18 days to arrive at Pensacola. Bergdoll has been aboard the Jupiter for more than a month, according to the local agents for the vessel, if he sailed aboard her from any port in Germany. She sailed from Cardiff, Wales, with a cargo of coal November 30, for the Azores.

Local customs and department of justice officials are keeping constant vigil for the vessel. She will be boarded immediately upon arrival.

Jacksonville Bank Increases Capital and Cuts Big Melon

(By Associated Press.)
Jacksonville, Dec. 30.—Edward W. Lane, president of the Atlantic National bank of this city, announced today that the directors at a meeting Thursday voted a 300 per cent stock dividend, payable today, and a quarterly cash dividend of 6 per cent, payable January 2. The bank, which is the largest in Florida, previously had been capitalized at \$350,000. With the new dividend the capital stock will be \$1,400,000. Its deposits aggregate more than \$20,000,000. The bank has paid a total of \$1,051,000 in dividends since its organization in 1903.

Two Yield Lives to Prevent Wreck Passenger Train

(By Associated Press.)
Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—Two Philadelphia & Reading railway track walkers, Antonio Diello and Carmine Grande, sacrificed their lives today in removing a railroad tie from the path of an express train bound from New York to Philadelphia.

The tie had been dropped in rails by two other employees in their haste to get out of the way of the train. Diello and Grande jumped forward and threw the tie clear of the track, but were not able to get away themselves before the locomotive struck them. Their prompt action probably averted a wreck, it was declared. The accident occurred at Fern Rock, Pa.

FRADY'S ILLNESS MAY POSTPONE MURDER TRIAL.
Miami, Dec. 30.—Lloyd D. Beth, the Chicago attorney employed by relatives of Mrs. Dorothy Frady to assist in the prosecution of Edgar G. Frady, charged with her murder, today stated on arrival here that he will not insist that Frady go to trial on January 3 if Frady is in the serious condition reported.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS.
The regular meeting of the city council will be held on Tuesday evening, next, at which time should be considered in of improved railway crossings in various portions of the city. A letter from the Coast Line has readily agreed to replace rotten crossings with new ones of asphalt upon request of the city authorities.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of county commissioners will be held on Monday night at the court house, at which time a new board will be organized.

D. V. RAILROAD CEASES TO RUN LAST MIDNIGHT

Court's Order Suspending Operations Is Effective

MAY BE LEGAL FIGHT This Will Come Over an Effort to Take Up Rails

Effective at midnight last night all operations of the Ocala Valley railroad ceased under an order issued by Circuit Judge W. H. Bullock at Ocala last week, directed to Receiver A. Christensen. Whether this means the final abandonment of the road or not remains to be seen.

It is not believed that junking the road will bring any return to the bond holders, as taxes for two years, amounting to approximately \$25,000 and receivers' certificates issued this year amounting to \$19,365 will have to be paid first, and it is not believed that the rail and equipment will net much over this amount, as the cost of taking up the rail and delivering it to a designated f.o.b. point would be considerable.

The state will exact the payment of taxes before any of the property is moved, and in the event this amount is not forthcoming the road would then be sold at sheriff's sale, all of the amount above the taxes due. Of the receiver's certificates issued the Rodman Lumber company holds \$14,365 and the Wilson Cypress company \$5,000. These certificates were purchased in order that the road might pay its taxes this year and continue operating. Under the court's order they will take precedence over all other indebtedness.

With the suspension of the road the Rodman Lumber company will be practically bottled up. Dr. L. W. Warren, one of the trustees named by the creditors, stated that unless the mill at Rodman can be sold in the next few days that it will be dismantled and sold by piece-meal. If this is done another problem will confront the company—that of moving the material after it is sold.

It has been evident since the Wilson Cypress company and the Rodman Lumber company discontinued hauling their logs over the road that it could not operate and meet expenses. The amount of freight developed along the line is infinitesimal and practically no through freight is offered. The principal reason for this latter condition is that the road has no connection agreements, and that the roadbed and rolling stock is in such bad condition that some roads declined to turn freight over to it without a proper bond, it is said.

Some time ago it was known that a plan was developing to consolidate the Palatka-Jacksonville Steamboat Line with the Ocala Valley railway, but this deal seems to have fallen through, although it was stated in well informed circles today that in the event the road can be secured at a reasonable price under present conditions it may yet be consummated.

JACKSONVILLE RECORDS.
SHOW MANY DRUNKS.
Jacksonville, Dec. 30.—Local police headquarters announced tonight that arrests for intoxication in Jacksonville during 1922 will exceed in number any year since 1901. Records prior to that time were destroyed in a fire which razed a large part of the city. The number of persons docketed for drunkenness during the year will approximate 700, it was stated.

MIAMI BREAKS RECORDS.
Miami, Dec. 30.—A total of \$4,647,744 in construction was completed or started during the year just closed, the city building inspector's books showed tonight. August was the high month, \$998,700 in permits being issued, breaking all records for a single month.

BIG THING FOR PALATKA.
In the opinion of T. M. Waldron, the noted potato producer of East Palatka, "The best thing that Palatka can do right now is to keep the general public from finding out there was ever a question as to having the full term of school."

DISASTER FOLLOWS OPENING A PACKAGE RECEIVED BY MAIL

Two Arrested Alleged to Have Sent Bomb

(By Associated Press.)
Marshfield, Wis., Dec. 30.—James Magnuson, a farmer living six miles southeast of Marshfield, and his 18-year-old son was arrested late today in connection with the mailing of a dynamite bomb to James A. Chapman, county commissioner. The bomb exploded while Mr. Chapman was opening the package, blowing off Mr. Chapman's left arm. Mrs. Chapman died later from injuries she received.

Sheriff Mueller, accompanied by deputies and postal inspectors, arrested Magnuson in a wood about forty rods from his house and then found the son at home. Both were taken to Wisconsin Rapids, the county seat.

Magnuson, a Scandinavian settler, was one of the bitterest opponents of a drainage ditch project which Chapman, as a commissioner, had sponsored.

BORAH WITHDRAWS DEBATED MEASURE, SENATE ADJOURNS

Naval Appropriation Bill Passes Carrying \$325,000,000

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 30.—After the calming of the senate three-day storm by the withdrawal of Senator Borah's amendment proposing a world's economic conference the senate today passed the \$325,000,000 naval appropriation bill and adjourned over New Year's.

Debate on the Borah amendment was not resumed today and the bill was also passed without a mention of the house provision requesting the president to negotiate with the principal naval powers for further naval armament limitation. This provision remaining in, the bill will go to the president and will not come before the senate and house conferees. It requests the president to negotiate with Great Britain, Japan and Italy with a view to agreements limiting vessels under 10,000 tons and aircraft not covered by the treaty.

After passage of the naval bill the administration shipping bill, which had been laid aside temporarily, was brought up and placed in position for resumption of debate when the senate meets Wednesday.

Tourists Who Put Tin in Tin Can Meet in Tampa

(By Associated Press.)
Tampa, Dec. 30.—More than 3,000 tin canners are expected to attend the fourth annual convention of Tin Can Tourists of the World to open at 7 o'clock Monday evening at DeSoto Park, automobile tourist camp here. Royal Tin Can Opener G. M. Tremaine, of Fredonia, N. Y., is expected to preside at the convention which is to continue throughout next Saturday night.

JONES AND PERRY BUY MORE BIG NEWSPAPERS

Jacksonville, Dec. 30.—John H. Perry and Richard Lloyd Jones, publishers of The Jacksonville Journal, announced today the purchase of The Minneapolis (Minn.) News, The Reading (Penn.) News-Times, a morning newspaper, and The Reading Telegram, an afternoon publication. The Perry-Jones group of newspapers also includes The Pensacola Journal, Tulsa (Okla.) Tribune, and Charleston (S. C.) American.

BANKS CLOSE MONDAY.
Because of the New Year's holiday the banks will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

FORMER OFFICIALS WAR DEPARTMENT ACCUSED OF FRAUD

Hundreds of Millions of Dollars Involved in Frauds

PROBING TO CONTINUE Daugherty Big Factor in Instigating the Probe

(By United Press.)
Washington, Dec. 30.—Benjamin Crowell, former assistant secretary of war, and six other war-time former officials of the war department, were charged today in an indictment returned by a special federal grand jury here with conspiracy to defraud the government and with delaying and defeating the administration of law.

The seven defendants were said by the jury to have participated unlawfully in award of contracts left by the government during the war and after the armistice, involving expenditures totaling hundreds of millions of dollars, and in which some of their number had a pecuniary interest.

Those named as conspirators with Mr. Crowell were: William A. Starrett, of New York, engineer and architect, said to have been a member of the firm of Starrett & Van Vleet and the Thompson-Starrett Co., Inc., and later associated with the George A. Fuller Co., general contractors. He was chairman of the war department's committee on emergency construction, connected with the counsel of national defense.

Morton C. Tuttle, of Boston, Mass., said to be general manager of the Aberthaw Construction company, and formerly a member of the emergency construction committee. Clemens W. Lundoff, of Cleveland, Ohio, said to be vice president and general manager of the Crowell-Lundoff-Little Co., and general manager of the Cleveland Construction company. He also was a member of the emergency construction committee.

Clair Foster, reported to live in Canada, and formerly associated with the Thompson-Starrett and the George A. Fuller Co., and also with the emergency construction committee.

John H. McGibbons, of Baltimore and Chicago, said to have represented a bonding company issuing bonds for contractors and associated during the war with the construction committee.

James A. Mears, of Boston and Springfield, Mass., former general manager of Fred T. Ley & Co., Inc., general contractors to whom the first contract for construction of a national army cantonment was awarded. He was secretary to the construction committee in the war department during the war.

The indictment was the first of its kind to be returned as a result of investigation of war fraud cases initiated by Attorney General Daugherty. Others are expected to follow completion of the presentation of evidence by department of justice agents which is said to be rapidly approaching the stage required for jury consideration.

State Road Fund Gets \$601,336.71 From Gasoline Tax

(By Associated Press.)
Tallahassee, Dec. 30.—Comptroller Amos announced tonight that collections from the one-cent-a-gallon tax on gasoline sold at wholesale in the state during 1922 had amounted to \$601,336.71 and an additional \$17.30 in penalties. The tax in 1921, operative only from July 1 to the end of the year, produced \$228,066.47. The money goes to the state road fund.

SLAYER OF PRESIDENT POLAN

Warsaw, Dec. 30.—The assassin of President Polan was arrested today.